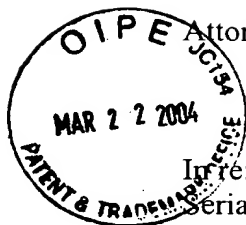


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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.☒ No additional fee is required.☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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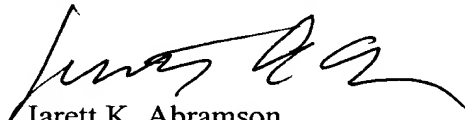
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 17, 2003, the present amendment is provided in the Revised Amendment Format as published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003. The Revised Amendment Format waives certain requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.